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### Weather Forecast for Tuesday.

Washington, Aug. 20 .- For Oklahoma and Indian Territory: Fair; northeast to east For Missouri: Generally fair: warmer: northeast winds, becoming southeast. For Kansas: Fair: warmer; southeast

### A COMPROMISE ATTORNEY.

Miss Katherine May Wood, of Omaha, has set at naught the speculation and flippancy directed toward those women who have defied conventionality by taking up the law as a profession. Instead of finding the pursuit of this calling inharmonious with her sensibilities, she has found a way to make her feminine qualities distinctively assertive, to the degree of giving her a positive advantage over masculine compet-

Miss Wood has made a specialty of divorce cases, but, with a dignity and shrewdness that do her much credit, has declined to take any men clients. Since a large majority of the divorce suits brought in the country are instituted by women, she at once becomes the champion of he sex and reaches out after the only line of legal business in which women clients pre dominate.

The fact that more of her cases are settled out of court than by judicial decisions speaks well for her heart, although it is not probable that she indulges sentiment at the wholesale expense of fees in such settlements.

At any rate, the fair pleader, through her success as a peacemaker where peace is expedient and possible, and as a prosecutor when prosecution is advisable or necessary, has secured a corner on the divorce business of Omaha's women.

There are plenty of lawyers who have made reputations by their success in effecting marital separations by process of law. Perhaps the forte of the woman lawyer is to be that of a domestic peacemaker, a sort of skilled adjuster, whose services may be commanded for the restoration of speaking relations between husbands and wives who have lost the art, as an expert accountant restores order in a set of ill kept books.

The energy and success of women as matchmakers would suggest that they might be particularly useful as match preservers.

## ALL EYES ON KANSAS.

After several years of courageous strucgling with adverse conditions, the Kansas farmer has a new lesson set before him. He must learn how to prosper with grace an

Thre are no precedents in Kansas history to aid him, for Kansas adjectives are all superlatives. Kansas has prospered in days that are gone, but never in moderation. The business booms of former years were of the skyrocket variety.

The last few seasons have brought unrelieved misfortune, and the Kansas farmer has had time to reflect on the lessons of the past. He now realizes that the hope of a city of 60,000 inhabitants in the center of each county in the short grass country was vain, and finds that his state is only one magnificent province in the wide do main of the commercial world. Enthusi asm has been replaced by hope, and blind confidence by reasonable faith.

The effect of prosperity on the Kansas farmer will be closely watched by all lovers of the state. The old boom days are gone never to return. The twin scourges of calamity howling and hard times have ceased to afflict. Kansas has passed through the crowing and screaming period of her infancy. She has had the measles, but is hopefully "peeling off." Her many friends and admirers have now a right to expect long period of steady and healthful growth

# A BETRAYAL OF LABOR.

The so-called labor convention in session at St. Louis should command the closest attention of the laboring classes and those who are sincerely interested in their wel

Ostensibly it is a meeting for the consideration of the existing labor troubles, of certain laws and constructions of laws alleged to be inimical to the interests of working people, and of reforms that would remove some causes of industrial disturb-

ance. As a matter of fact the convention has been called solely for political purposes. The masses of organized labor probably de not believe this, but the leaders will be unable to keep the fact a secret, for they -are vieing with one another for the personal advantages to accrue from the declarations of the delegates. Whether or not party and factional interest will be permitted to come to open discussion remains to be seen; but those who understand the characters and purposes of some of the managers can already see that the real motives of the gathering can not be concealed. There will be an underhand, if not an open, contention among the selfappointed leaders of Populism, socialism and other isms built boon the discontent and credulity of the laboring classes, fostered by the fallacies and misrepresentations of unscrupulous agitators but sooner or later overwhelmed by the intelligence

and patriotism of the whole people. Thus cheap and selfish demagagues of the Debs stripe, whe act as the managers of strikes and pose as the friends of labor, but whose personal interests are best served by the continuation and not by the cessation of industrial troubles, play upon the passions of those who confide in them and use their distresses to promote their own political ambitions-ambitions that would not have the semblance of hope in legitimate directions.

While the settlement of the present strikes is being retarded by the agitation of these demagogues and by the refusal of the operators to treat with these parasites brought to the verge of starvation. But the anguish must be prolonged until political capital shall have been made of it, hence the call for a convention.

When will organized labor see the folly of intrusting its far-reaching interests to men of the Debs class, thereby giving affront to and in a measure alienating the sympathy the general public is invariably ready to extend to it in times of trial?

#### THE PARTY OF GOOD LUCK.

In the course of an editorial printed in 1892 the Cleveland organ in Kansas City made use of the following language: "It must be admitted that the country is enjoying an unusual prosperity, which becomes astonishing in view of the rulnous policy being pursued by the Republican party." In the course of numerous editorials in this, the year of our Lord 1897, the same organ admits the return of prosperity which attended the country in 1892, though it is a little less vociferous in denunciation of the "rulnous policy being pursued by the Republican party." This weakening is not to be wondered at. However well grounded an editor may be in a theory, he cannot go cheerfully on forever in support of it when It is constantly and ruthlessly being mauled and battered by the facts. From the birth of the Republican party down to the present year there has never been a period of Republican rule when the country was not prosperous, and therefore it becomes an unhappy task to reconcile its unvarying succerses with its alleged pernicious doc trines.

So unhappy has this task become to the Cleveland organ in Kansas City that it has virtually thrown up the sponge and left the ring. It no longer endeavors to connect or disconnect Republican policies with the condition of the times, but falls back in a helpless sort of fashion and murmurs, "luck -just pure luck." It readily consents that during the periods when these policies were in effect the country was prosperous and it makes no denial of the fact that when opposition policies were in effect the country was in depression, but out of these circumstances which ought to be conclusive it can find no evidence of anything but a mere coincidence-a lucky concurrence of events which cannot satisfactorily be accounted for.

We are not so sure that it would be unwise for the Republicans to let it go at that. There is an old adage that it is better to be born lucky than rich. So long as the people may be assured that Republican success at the polls is followed by prosperity in the nation they will not care to inquire very closely into theorems. If the good people who are unable to account for it except on the theory of luck will hitch on to the party of fortune, prosperity and happiness they will amiably be forgiven an inability to see substantial causes and reasons for an unbroken record of Republican success over a period of thirty-six

### EDITORIAL NOTES

years.

If "the rich are growing richer and the poor poorer," the Kansas farmers must all be men of wealth.

Our Democratic friends must at least admit that the Dingley bill is not seriously obstructing prosperity.

The trouble about this arbitration business is that the pesky mosquitoes don't seem to have anything to arbitrate.

Mr. Bryan has found that the silver sentiment has been steadily growing. What a detective that man Bryan would make!

"It is simply impossible," says Sovereign, "to forecast what this conference will do.

can tell." Has it swallowed its tag? "Debs' Latest," is a newspaper headline.

But the public doesn't care for Debs' latest. What the public wants to hear is Debs' last. When ex-Senator Ingalls says he is

"happy with his lot," he doesn't mean the inclosure referred to in his late sepulchral poem. Tammany has its faults, but it has sense

nough to stick together. That is where the reform element in New York is at a serious disadvantage. Disheartened calamity howlers should g

to Klondike. They would see enough misery there next winter to make them feel five years younger. What has become of C. Wood Davis? This is the year of all years when he

should have told the Kansas farmers to "hold their wheat." An Ohio exchange has an article on "Passing of the Veterans." According to the Buffalo papers, it takes them quite

a while to pass a given point. The inmates of the insane asylum at Elgin, Ill., are to be provided with uniforms. This looks like unnecessary expense,

Why not buy them Bryan buttons? Twelve months ago Canton, O., was the most pretentious town in the country. Now

it is humble enough to keep a ball club that the Kansas City team can beat. Newspaper readers who are becoming "tired of Klondike" should be patient. They are not half as tired as their friends and

acquaintances who are trying to reach that Professor Pickering announces that he has discovered 142 new double stars. As long as they are not connected with new double "Uncle Tom's Cabin" companies the

country will remain placid. Senator Mills declares he is not an ex-Confederate, but a Confederate, This doesn't mean that Mills is meditating the overthrow of the government, but merely

that he wants a re-election. If the yellow journals want evidence that Secretary Sherman is losing his memory they will find it in his announced purpose to speak in the Ohlo campaign. He has evidently forgotten that he hates Hanna.

When the Democratic editors get fired trying to prove that the Republican party is in no way responsible for prosperity they should take a few days off and rest up. They will find their job waiting for them when they return.

"These delegates," said Debs, "are not empowered to order a strike. They can do ne more than report back to their respective bodies the sense of this convention." In that case the delegates are likely to have very little to report.

Senator Stewart having denied his pros perity talk reported in the New York Times, that plutocratic sheet has gone to work and proven that the Nevada senator said precisely what he was quoted

as saying. The probability is that Mr. list chairman tonly up against it, of labor, hundreds of miners have been Stewart said it, not for publication, but simply as an evidence of good sense.

> Ex-Senator Dubois and his traveling companions will visit Japan for the purpose of finding out why that country adopted the gold standard. Just what they are going to do about it when the information is obtained is not stated.

Governor Leedy says he will go back to Kansas to "throttle the railroad octopus." Is Governor Leedy sure it isn't the great red dragon he wants to throttle? A puffing and smoking locomotive tearing along with a train of cars looks much more like a dragen than an octopus. Kansas is a long way from the sea for octopuses anyhow. The governor should load up for dragons.

A new paper has been started at Denver called "Colorado Business." The leading editorial in the first issue is entitled, "Get Down to Business," and urges the Colorado people to quit their caterwauling and join in the prosperity harvest going on all about them. Such a paper at Denver fills a much felt, if not long felt, want. Its manager, Mr. Theodore Stegner, will have the good wishes of sane people everywhere.

### JOURNAL ENTRIES.

When you come to think it over, there is nothing so very violent in the fact that Chicago selected a Kansas man to put the oratorical polish on the Logan monument. Captain George R. Peck was a volunteer soldier, like Logan; he is brave, generous and eloquent, as Logan was. From any standpoint, the honor of making the address of dedication could not have been more worthily bestowed, and there are not ten men in the United States who could have performed the duty so well. Chicago may justly be proud of his oratorical achievements, and may boast of him as one of the distinguished citizens of that great city, but his fame really belongs to Kansas. Although kodaked in Wisconsin, he was developed in Kansas, and to the latter state is due in large part the credit of his brilliant success at the bar and on the platform.

Captain Peck's friends observed with that his Logan address was not only full of patriotism and glory, but scintillated with little touches about art, and sculpture, and poetry, and music, and other ornamental things occasionally encountered in the course of a busy life. While Captain Peck has been abroad with Colonel Rossington, and enjoyed unusual advantages in the study of these subjects, it is nevertheless true that the foundation of all his classical learning was acquired in Topeka, where he lived for so many years, winning lawsuits, issuing passes on the Santa Fe and endeavoring in a variety of ways to circumvent the hot-foot politicians of the Third ward. Topeka is one of the most delightful residence spots on earth, separated from the Garden of Eden by an imaginary fence only-some of the dwellers in Potwin place even believe that they have already crossed the Eden line. Mr. Peck's Topeka home was on one of the occidental thoroughfares, Western avenuebread, billowy and unpaved. In front of him was Holliday park, enclosed by a wire netting, and boasting a fountain that neither worked nor played. To the left was Bennett's flats, usually decorated in the upper story with the sign, "To Let." To the right was the sometimes meandering Shunganunga, rising from which was the Shawnes county fair grounds, then Washburn college, and then Burnett's peak, towering in all its majesty. Back of him was the young ladies' seminary, and a lot of people's back yards in which he could gaze at hundreds of clotheslines full of snowy linen, swaying to and fro, and looking pale and blue, according to the kind of powder they used in the suds. From the roof of his chateau the orator of Logan could always obtain a view of the dome of the unfinished capitol, the watch tower of the fire department, and the smoke curling gracefully from the electric light plant. Leaning far out on the window sill, as evening gently approached, and the purple twilight stole softly down, wrapping in its dusky, silent wings the orange, crimson and violet that fleck the Kansas sky, one single, brilliant star shir ing in the clear amber of the sunset, and a nightingale's full, sweet note sounding fa In the echoing stillness-what we started out to say was that in the midst of such surroundings, Captain Peck couldn't help

being eloquent and artistic. The young ladies of the town of Harper far out on the prairies of Kansas, are in arms against the use of liquor, tobacco of profanity, but they are not in the arms of the young men of the aforesaid town. In other words they have boycotted the beaux of the place and have resolved to have nothing more to do with the horrid things until they reform their evil ways. The announce with a solemn flourish of hyster ics that they will no longer keep company with young men who smoke, drink or cuss and that society must put its foot down on these deadly sins. If the men of Harper are similar to those of most other localities in the West, the embargo will at one deprive society of its masculine members When the reformation takes place it is presumed that the offenders will have to go before the state board of sanitary com missioners, or some other authority, and get some sort of a clearance certificate entitling the holder to circulate once more

in the social vortex. This plan of dealing with an admitted affliction is not original with Harper. It has been tried before in various parts of the country, and has never scored what might be called a pronounced success. All men are sinners from the word go, but they do not relish the idea of having odious restraints placed upon them by the fair sex. Ordinarily a man will do anything for a woman, unless she insists upon his doing it. The moment she begins to insist he begins to rebel. One word then brings thousand or so, with the result that they part in anger if single, or get a divorce if married. All this trouble might have been avoided by mutual concession and a little coaxing on the woman's part. As a rule, men don't swear enough to hurt. If they are given to drink, and haven't Sense enough to quit, let them alone and the law will soon fasten its grip upon them. As for smoking, you can't very well deprive a man of his weed. Take a cigarette away from him and you divest him at once of a nec essary part of his raiment, because all eigarettes wear a paper collar. You can't pitchfork a man out of society because he smokes, although we confess that the cig-arette is an awful aggravation. Young la dies must continue to keep company with the young gentlemen to preserve the social equilibrium. Women must continue to marry men for what they are and not for what they cannot be. All theories give way in the face of matrimony. There is a very pretty song about a very pretty woman who declared in a very pretty way, "I love my love because I know my love loves me;" and that is the way it will be while the world goes round. Still, there is music in the air at Harper.

The next Populist campaign in Kansas is to be one of magic, mystery and incantation. Taylor Riddle, the new head of the tion. Taylor Kiddle, the new head of the Populist state central committee, confesses that he is more or less superstitious. He was inducted into the chairmanship on Fri-day, the 13th day of August, in the presence of thirteen of his devoted followers ence of thirteen of his devoted tonowers, all of whom saw the moon on the previous evening over their left shoulders, and clinched the disaster the next morning by dividing a funeral procession in the mid-dle of the road while marching in a body to the capital. Mr. Riddle believes himself to be a hoodoo of the most exalted magnitude. In the impressive language of the comic opera he sings his distress to the tune of "signs, omens and predictions the tune of "signs, on surely are not fictions." Already the Popubut on the hog, and in the soup. Be-fore he had fapherited the paraphernalia of his ploffice, consisting of r file of the Adv, eleven copies of the Seven Conspiran ball of cotton twine. and an unframture of Bryan in ma pursuit of themt dollar, he trembled at the dreadfuponsibility of the situ-ation, and, likery Ward Beecher on a memorable oc. "even wished that he were dead fore he had turned a single wheel oparty machine, he had trouble with hipaganda, and with all of his propaga. In terror he fled to the wilds of in county to give the whole subject thought. He yearned for a new issue thing that would rally

the hosts of Pen as in the brave days of old. Social as suggested by on of his advisers ther wanted to do battle under the in of a graduated in-come tax. Thenens built a quick fire under the topic to annihilation of fed-eral courts. The nad a startling sound, and Riddle denid to take it over to the penitentiami discuss it with th Little Lord Fatley who presides over that beneficent sution. But Clemens held the patent p idea and refused to permit it to be rm a penal atmosphere, urging the age ceent law against such monstrous preng. Riddle's next powas to call the allied

forces togetheron fusion conference. Populists, Demots nd free silver Repubicans attended in Democrats were opposed to aboliagthe federal courts They refused tus on that proposition. The free silver luicans were abolish anything rder that they might begin political ; new. The Populists manifested theiru cunning and hedged. They realized ti e silver Republicans would be forced main in the Populist ranks, having nch place to go, but that some concession inecessary to be made to the Democrati rder to maintain the triple alliance. Sesult of the conference was an agont to stick togethe and go before topple on the old de-mands of the Pist platform and to whoop it up once t for their old standby, 'Steen-to-one, ha few side lines, like public ownership the utilities of life, government owned of railroads, antitrust domination, sib-treasury on every quarter section chroved land and Reform with an R tonn be seen a hundred miles

How all this is is brought about is the political problem Mr. Riddle is trying to unriddle. He backled it heroically, however, and is stilling salt on the table, breaking mirr stepping on crack in the sidewalk, thing loved ones out of sight, and doingrious other curious and unlucky thingster on, if you should see a pale and oworn man trudging along the highwahunting for horse shoes, four leaf che, rabbit's feet and amulets, you may are it is Mr. Riddle,

The carrier doves still returning from Andree's balloon annding at convenient points all over thorld. One thing is certain: Andree ha good supply of birds to begin with or elie has been hatching them with great Idity ever since he started on his peril trip. The latest tidings from the advirous balloonist can be gleaned from tfollowing messages, all delivered by thost reliable pigeons: August 23-Am hig a high old time, Like the Kansas Chall club, I am out

on a fly every day he week. There is a great deal to be secere, and much that cannot be seerRemember me to all inquiring friends. Midnight-Have juurned in for a little balmy sleep. I am e guessing that it is midnight. In this lade my watch has a

habit of running and like a burglar alarm without any ard to the flight of time. All well. Next day-This mosg I dropped my hat

while expectorating er the side of the balloon. One of therds gave chase and soon returned with prey. Having no companionship but te birds, I find that I am becoming pigecoed. Wednesday afterno-Part of the pleas ure of an aerial voy, is a knowledge of the fact that you hathe drop on everybody else. My ballo is rent in places

and I am about out darning cotton, but I am in good spirithave just met the price of wheat, which we seems to be setinn the breaks. Later-I am the firman to occupy this upper berth. It is a dy. The ventilation is superb. There is ane chance up here for a flute player. Othat can double on the trombone preferre I am now several

degrees above the higst point reached by Gilderoy's kite. Day after to-mory-That disorderly watch has been beat me out of meals right along; else whysis constant yearn ng for pie-this doud desire for more ologna? How are this at home? I hear that Billy Bryan is take the stump against himself in theixt campaign. It so lonesome here thal occasionally fire

off a gun to lacerate & stillness. Some time next week here is nothing in sight yet that looks lilthe North pole, or any old pole. Perhaps am trying to vote in the wrong precin. I don't know whether I will ever getack to terra firma or not. It is certain hat I cannot stay here. I feel that my rlaria is coming on again, and I am overhelmed with suspense. More anon.

# KANSAS SPICS.

On the top shelf in t. library of Appellate Judge A. W. Derison at Eldorado and occupying the placof honor between the family Bible and ie history of the French revolution, is a py of Labor Commissioner Todd's 800 par book in which he proved beyond any peratenture that farm-ing does not pay in Kasas. And yet last week Judge Dennison bought a Butler county farm, and has ben telling the loca reporters how he exped it to make him

Of course Kansas had , get into it some where. It has been dcovered that the eighth wife of Kneeland the artist under arrest at St. Joe, was iss Hattie Moon, who used to be editor a newspaper at Whiting, in Jackson couty.

F. A. Pope, the Phillis county cadet at the West Point Militaryicademy, recently went to sleep while doin sentry duty, and was placed in the guadhouse for forty days.

Bill White denies thathe is a candidate for congress, but he quifies the denial in this fashion: "If Empori and Lyon county and the Fourth congresional district get to clamoring so violent, that the per can't sleep, that's anothe proposition. But it is no time to come outfor congress now. The campaign now on rust be fought out successfully."

People may go into the second-hand book stores at Topeka and by W. J. Bryan's "First Battle" at 50 cent a copy. Before other half year rolls awund the secondhand dealers will be slipping the books East for sale as old pape. There is now a patent medicine fakir triveling over Kansas who gives away a copy of the book with each bottle of medicae sold.

Colonel S. W. Eldridge who celebrated his fist birthday on Sunday, is writing a history of himself and the town of Lawrence. Colonel Eldridge was one of the earliest settlers in Douglas county, and closely identified with the events of the border ruffian days.

The appearance in the daily papers of the picture of Miss Gretchen Lyons, who is playing leading parts with Marie Wainwright, recalls the memory that she is a Kansas girl, born and bred. Her real name is Olive Heath, and her parents upon both sides are full-blooded Cherekee Indians. She was educated in the Oswego college, where she always appeared as the star in amateur theatricals. Why she should drop her own for a less attractive stage name has not been explained. At present Miss Heath is taking the part of Puck in

"A Midsummer Night's Dream." H. C. Fellow, late assistant state super-intendent of public instruction, has gone O'Meara, of Cincinnati, the leading man 'cause I've saw it tried.'

with his wife to Cherokee, in Oklahoma, where they will open and conduct a Quaker college.

Topics recently expressed the opinion that Mr. Charles Lobdell was "a lawyer of recognized ability." This was a weak and insipid presentation of the true facts. Mr. Lobdell is a lawyer of such overshadowing ability that he can sit down at his editorial desk and reverse the United States courts and suspend the Kansas constitution in a less volume of writing than it takes to fill the back of an old envelope.

Mrs. Belle Harbaugh, of the Erie Record, has declined the nomination for state superintendent so graciously extended to er by some of the newspaper fellows, and this leads Ed Hoch to say: "But what could one little woman do if a big convention should nominate her anyhow?

Bent Murdock has found a Kansas old soldier who says he found his greatest enjoyment while attending the national encampment in Buffalo in going around to the saloon where Grover Cleveland played 'whisky loo" while his substitute was fighting for the flag. It cannot be said that there are no im-

nounced that Jerry Botkin will make fifty speeches during the fall campaign. Governor Riddle denies that there is any opposition to the return of Calderhead. None of those named are candidates and there will be no contest in the nominating

pediments to the complete return of Kan-

sas to happiness and prosperity. It is an-

The Christian people of Kansas are very much shocked at the levity of Mike Sut-ton, the new revenue collector. When his appointment was trembling in the balance a friend wrote to him advising him to put his trust in the Lord, and he responded as follows: "I note that you think the Lord will take care of me all right. I hope He will. But I am now largely depending on

Senator Baker." The Methodists of Labette county must e most remarkably optimistic if they can find anything complimentary in a divorce petition just filed by Mrs. Alta Lortz at Oswego. She alleges her husband forbade her going to a Methodist Campmeeting except in his company, and that when she insisted on going alone he dragged her around

In soliciting an Atchison girl to ride in the flower parade and act as one of the maids of honor to the flower queen, the Kansas City committee in no wise enhanced the allurements of the invitation by voluneering the information that she would be furnished with a chaperone.

The Logan Republican is able to furnish corroboration to the belief that the men who rush and tear through the world are ever the most successful. It knows the driver of an ice wagon who won the hand of a poetical young woman over the attentions of a railway engineer.

The election of Captain Henry Booth as chairman of the Pawnee county Republic-an committee recalls the fact that he was chairman of the state committee in the year when the Republicans won by \$2,000 majority. And it is further remindful of the fact that the Republicans must soon elect another state chairman.

Misses Laura and Haldee Ewing have arrived home in Ottawa, after a visit of three months in London and Paris. They saw Queen Victoria twice, stood under the tree where Gray wrote his elegy, spent a day at the home of Shakespeare, and visited all of the famous sights in both of the countries.

At a "medicine show" in Edna the other night the hypnotist with the troupe placed woman in the cataleptic state. She wa placed with her neck resting on the back of one chair and her ankles upon the back of another, while a 400 pound rock was rested upon her stomach to be broken by blow from a sledge hammer. When the blow was struck the back of the chair on which her neck rested crushed down and she was tumbled to the floor with the rock upon her. She may recover. In the meantime no more hypnotic shows will perform in Edna.

Politics and matrimony item from Stock on News: The Pops of Phillips county have nominated for county treasurer the man who first held that office after the organization of the county. It is told of him that for several years he ran the county business without books, keeping the accounts all straight on the walls of his office. For many years after his term of office expired he lived on a farm, near where the writer was living, and batched and farmed, tending as high as 120 acres of corn som soon became quite wealthy and began to buy up all the land adjoining him. He had large cribs of corn, large pens full of hogs and pastures full of cattle. About thi time a handsome young lady came to Phillips county and settled with her parents or a tree claim south of the river. She soon saw his cattle and hogs and horses and his broad green pastures, and after learning that he was a quiet, Christian gentleman, who would provide well for a wife, she consented to occupy the farm with him. They married. Thirty-four young border rufflans from the adjoining country went with guns and bells and tin pans to serenade the new ly married couple. They made night hide-ous for a while, but at last the gentleman got out of bed and rolled a sack of apple out at the door to the yelpers outside. But this wouldn't do. They must see the bride. Seeing no way of escape, he called to Sadle to get up. Presently she came out. She was introduced to the motley gang, each one in turn kissing her, much to the delight of the new husband, who saw plainly that he was not the only admirer she had. After this the couple were among the most prosperous people in that section. Mr. Thoma it will be an unfortunate thing for him is he should be. He is now at a business that he is highly qualified to carry on, and the office of county treasurer of Phillips coun-ty, which has ruined a number of good men, might also ruin him.

# MISSOURI POINTS.

Seven dozen peaches presented to the Columbia Herald the other day by Boone county's blue-ribbon fruitgrower completely filled a bushel basket.

St. Joe was so successful in handling its "old-fashioned fair" last week that it wants to repeat the effort on a larger scale next year with a Missouri state fair. Springfield has just begun to wake up to the realization of the fact that it is per-

haps the only city of its size in the country that is without hospital facilities. Dr. Moore, president of the Missouri Blble college, at Columbia, on his recent return trip from a vacation visit to London, completed his thirtieth trip across the At

Another desertion has occurred among the ranks of the free silverites in Audrain county. The cash receipts of the Mexico fair last week included a contribution of 10 cents sent in to the conscience fund. Perry Rader, the new supreme court re

lantic.

porter, while in Columbia last week look-ing after the publication of his state history, intimated that he might decide nake his home amid the classic shades of Missouri's Athens. The organization of a vigilance commit ee in Livingston county is seriously talked

of. Chicken thieves are so numerous and have become so bold and persistent in their depredations that such a step is looked upon as almost necessary. Invitation cards have been received in various towns throughout the state an-nouncing the coming marriage of Governor Stephens' niece, Miss Nancy Gibson, of

of the company. The wedding will take place at the Catholic church, in September 1.

The committee at Springfield having had in charge the management of the recen Wilson Creek reunion handled its financial affairs so capably that not only was every bill paid, but a handsome surplus was left for distribution among the local charita ble institutions.

Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Jordan, of Kansas who has so won the hearts of the Carroll ounty people as starter for the races a the Carrollton fair, where he officiated last week for the third consecutive year, has Brookfield and Chillicothe also on his string, and will give the word in the former town this week and in Chillicothe next.

A former Boone county man who has lived in Oklahema four or five years was mean enough to say, while visiting friends in Columbia the other day, that one man can raise as much on a farm \$ the locality where he now lives as two can in Missouri. Possibly he had in "Governor" Lease's famous agricultural

Samuel Hulse, of Andrew county, is light weight, physically, pulling down the scales, although 30 years old, at only sixtytwo pounds. He is an enterprising and suc cessful farmer, however, and can put in as effective a day's work as many a man of three times his weight. Mr. Hulse wears a No. 12 shoe and boys' clothing, but he handles a sixteen-inch stirring plow as wel as any six-footer and harnesses the largest team with ease.

Missouri has the greatest and practically the only peach crop in the world this year. But this, as the Springfield Republican suggests, is only one of its almost innumerable good things. "There's nothing the matter with Missouri's wheat crop, either. Her calf crop is far beyond expectation, and there are no flies on her corn crop her apple crop, her egg and butter crop, nor on her mineral crop. The only drawback Missouri has is her political crop, but she is giving every indication that ever that will be greatly improved by next fall."

The secretary of Maryville's Harvest Home Association, Carl Wray, sent a telegram last week, the Tribune says, to Washington, D. C., addressed to "Hon. J. H. Brigham." Several hours elapsed and the message was sent back, with the information from the operator that it was mpossible) to find any such person in Washington. Mr. Wray sent the message a second time, addressed to "Hor. J. H. Brigham, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, and the great agriculturist was soon found

A visitor of a statistical turn of mine who attended a meeting of the city council in St. Joe the other night records hav ing observed that among the forty time that different aldermen "took the floor the presiding officer was addressed cor rectly as "Mr. President," just five. Fifteen times he was called "Mr. Chairman. five times "Mr. Speaker," and fifteen times members rose and proceeded to speak without the president's permission and without having addressed him at all. But, notwith standing this shocking discovery, the old town's rejuvenated boom, they say, continues to flourish.

The threshing machine men are, the Joplin News says, worked up over the law oreing them to lay plank at every bridge they have to cross, and are loud in denun-ciation of its provisions. Owing to the fact that similar restrictions are not demanded of other heavy vehicles and heavy loads the claim is made that it is unconstitu tional and there is strong talk of the threshermen binding themselves together to fight the law on that ground. It is said the farmers are with this opposition, as they regard the law as a nuisance for the reason that it delays threshers in their rounds and is of doubt ful protection to the bridges.

Columbia Herald: Possibly no sketch of the old settlers of Boone county is of more interest than that of the McKenzie twins. Coming here from Kentucky in 1848 they have since made Boone county their home. Everyone knows Uncle Allen and Uncle Ballard McKenzie. They are now nearly 78 ears old and it would be easy to mistak one for the other if they were not both standing together. The resemblance is cer tainly striking. Their native state of Ken-tucky may lay claim to the honor of being their birthplace, but Boone county alone could furnish the conditions suitable for the two attaining such an age. Allen lives near Hallsville and has been an active man throughout his entire life. Bailard lives near Harrisburg and can lay equal claim with his brother to the title of a seful man.

# How a "Duel" Was Managed.

From the Atlanta Constitution. A recent newspaper article mentioned the name of the late Kit Warren, who wor fame as a humorist in Georgia. Several interesting stories were told of him, bu the following appears in print for the first

When he was editing a country newspa pe a subscriber whom he had offended with criticism sent him a challenge for a fight with shotguns. He told the bearer to be seated, when he

asked him the price of buckshot. "Thirty cents a pound," was the reply. "Now," said Kit, "what is powder sell ing at?"

"Sixty cents." Then he turned his pockets inside outfished up a bunch of keys and several due bills, looked them over thoughtfully, then wrote this reply to his challenger:

"Dear Jim: Yours received. I would be riad to accommodate you, but your frien tells me that shot is 30 cents a pound and powder 60. And I can't invest that much noney in 'em these hard times. If, however, you will lend me 90 cents I will se cure you by a mortgage on the paper, and accommodate you with a few loads in any region you may suggest. I believe, however, it would take three pounds of buck shot to kill you. Send on the money and make your will."

The letter was duly delivered, and that ended the matter. "Wants me ter lend him money ter buy shot ter kill me with!" exclaimed the challenger. "Durned ef I'll do it!"

### Must Bertha Be Banished? From the Chicago Times-Herald.

Considerable discussion has been occa loned in literary circles by the recent action of an Eastern librarian, who arbi rarily decided to exclude from his public bookshelves the novels of a small coterie of writers who have published light, sensa tional love stories which properly or improperly are sometimes referred to as the servant girl's own" brand of literature. It is not charged that these books in herently are harmful. It is not claimed that they are vicious or demoralizing or that they exert a baleful influence upon the reader. The official who has banished them rom his library merely says they are rashy and worthless, and holds that better

ooks should replace them. But there always has been a demand for this kind of reading, and it does not appear mywhere in evidence that it has exercised a more pernicious influence than a burnt batch of biscuits occasionally or cold muf fins. If "A Mad Marriage" and "The Sew-ing Girl's Secret" and works of that order are tabooed, what is to replace them? Th kitchen girl doesn't care to read history or poetry or scientific works. The chambermaid cannot be interested in art, music or the drama. Why not let the mysterious "Bertha Clay" regale a constituency which

# she alone can reach?

From the Indianapolis Journal. "I see," said Rubberneck Bill, laying down his paper, "that the doctors back East are treatin' a feller fer spinal trouble by hangin' 'im up by the neck. It may work; there's no tellin'. I know it is mighty good treatment for kleptomania,

### TO A PASTORAL POET.

Among my best I put your book. o poet of the breeze and brook! (That breeze and brook which flows and

falls More soft to those in city walls). Among my best; and keep it still Till down the fair grass-girdled hill, Where slopes my garden slip, there goes The wandering wind that wakes the rose, And scares the cohorts that explore The broad faced sunflower o'er and o'er, Or starts the restless bees that fret The bindweed and the mignonette

Then I shall take your book, and dream I lie beside some haunted stream: And watch the crisping waves that pass, And watch the flicker in the grass; And wait-and wait-and wait to see The nymph . . . that never comes to mel -Austin Dobson.

### TO A CHILD.

How shall I sing you, child, for whom So many lyres are strung: Or how the only tone assume That fits a maid so young?

What rocks there are on either hand! Suppose-'tis on the cards-You should grow up with quite a grand Platonic hate for bards! How shall I then be shamed, undone,

For ah! with what a scorn Your eyes must greet that luckless one Who rhymed you, newly born-Who o'er your "helpless cradle" bent His idle verse to turn;

And twanged his tiresome instrument Above your unconcern! Nay-let my words be so discreet, That, keeping chance in view Whatever after fate you meet

A part may still be true.

Let others wish you mere good looks-Your sex is always fair; Or to be writ in Fortune's books-She's rich who has to spare:

I wish you but a heart that's kind, A head that's sound and clear: (Yet let the heart be not too blind, The head not too severe!)

A joy of life, a frank delight; A moderate desire: And-if you fail to find a knight-At least-a trusty 'squire

# -Austin Dobson.

"LOVE'S BUT A DANCE." Oh, Love's but a dance, Where Time plays the fiddle! See the couples advance-Oh, Love's but a dance!

"Shall we twirl down the middle?" Oh, Love's but a dance,

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

#### Where Time plays the fiddle -Austin Dobson.

New honors have come to Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, who is with his family at Buckfield. Me. At the annual meeting of the Hartford Custard Pie Association, each member brought a custard pie baked in a large milk pan. According to an account of the event, "Secretary brought the boss custard pie of the lot. It measured twenty inches across, and had to be lowered with ropes from the second story of his residence." This was somewhat startling until it was discovered that two paragraphs had become mixed, and that one should have read after "twenty inches across" "and for toothsomeness and flavor the like was never seen in Oxford county." It was the coffin of a fat man that was lowered from the window with ropes. The error, however, the Boston Herald says, did not dim the glory of the secretary as a record-breaker in the production of custard pie.

While Mark Twain was in Dresden he expressed a wish to meet Dr. Paul Lindau. A dinner given by an American resident there brought the two distinguished authors together. When the conversation became general Dr. Lindau gave his views on America. He had been there for a few weeks and knew it all. In particular, he condemned the climate of Florida. Mr. Clemens thereupon spoke up: "I was there some years ago, and spent some time at Key West. While at Key West a schooner put in one day with several of the crew dead from yellow fever. Well, there was great excitement in the town and elaborate preparations were made for the funeral. A minister was secured to officiate, and when all was ready he opened his prayer book and read the marriage service. There was no funeral service in the Key West prayer

books. They never have occasion use it." An English artisan has just got into Oxford university on the strength of university extension work. Joseph Owen, of Oldham, who has supported himself since he was 13, when he left school, has married, and when 23 years old had educated himself by means of free libraries and university extension lectures, and was so remarkable a student that he was for several years mentioned in the university extension examiner's reports. Though he knew no Latin or Greek, he was admitted o Balliol college and given a "special exhibition" of \$250 a year. Influential persons provided funds for his maintenance; he and his wife took up their abode in Oxford, and he is now, after less than two years' study at Balliol, a distinguished student and will rank high when he comes

up for his degree. The only dog enjoying the privileges of pass over the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad is a little fox terrier. Riverton, N. J. He knows no master, but wery day he makes at least one trip by rail. He usually rides in the baggage car. and only travels with the crews who are favorable to him, taking pains not to force his company on any baggagemaster or conductor from whom he receives unfriendly treatment. The dog is well known by the employes at the different stations, for he has visited nearly every one of them Sometimes he will be gone for a whole day, but usually alights from one of the trains before nightfall.

Two persons have lately lost their eyesight in London by having the sharp point of hat pins run into their eyes by accident. One case was that of a passenger on a coach next to a woman with her hat fas-tened by one of these pins, and another was that of a child who was injured while playing with a companion. As a result of these accidents the newspapers of the English metropolis are making warfare on the use of the long hat pin. The most pecultar thing about the hat pin question is the fact that, while the United States patent office has issued fifty-four patents for hat fasteners, the pin in use is one that has never been patented.

Every now and then there are to be found in the daily newspapers a brief notice say-ing that Mr. So-and-so will not be responsible for any debts contracted by his wife. But the following warning, which appeared in an English publication the other day, is unique, extensive and comprehensive: "We hereby publish our intention to repudiate any demands for payment of moneys obtained under any pretense whatsoever by any person whomsoever. (Signed) ELLIMAN, SONS & CO.

In a notice of a volume of verse by a local writer, a Georgia editor says in his rural newspaper: "The poems seem to have the right jingle at the proper end; but we are not a very good judge of this kind of work, having tried to make an honest living all our lives."

Another woman has been found who was kissed by General Lafayette when he visited this country in 1824. She is Mrs. Margaret Belyea, who is an inmate of the Home for Incurables, and admits being \$1 years old.